

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1958–1964, S. Res. 291–292, and S. Con. Res. 25–26.

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#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, October 13, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 25, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

Reported on Monday, October 16:

S. 21, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–169)

S. 886, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 115–170)

S. 1208, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may elect to have the United States Postal Service use the Hold for Pickup service or the Signature Confirmation service in delivering the document, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–171)

S. 1584, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Judicial Conference of the United States to redact sensitive information contained in financial disclosure reports of judicial officers and employees. (S. Rept. No. 115–172)

S. Res. 211, condemning the violence and persecution in Chechnya, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 245, calling on the Government of Iran to release unjustly detained United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Recognizing the African-American Soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 99, recognizing the 11 African-American soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion who were massacred in Wereth, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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*Condemning the Attack at a Country Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 292, condemning the brutal and senseless attack at a country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, honoring the memory of the victims of the deadly shooting, offering condolences to, and expressing support for, the families and friends of the victims and all of the individuals who were affected by the attack, and applauding the dedication and bravery of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, medical professionals, hotel security and staff, and community members in responding to the attack.

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*Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 26, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor.

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*Child Protection Improvements Act:* Senate passed S. 705, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, after withdrawing the committee amendments, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1112, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1113, to amend the title.

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**Child Protection Improvements Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 695, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1114, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6411

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1115, to amend the title. Page S6411

### Appointments:

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Laura O’Conner of Utah vice Wiley Dobbs of Idaho.

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**Trachtenberg Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Joel Trachtenberg, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, as provided for under the order of Thursday, October 5, 2017.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 217), Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

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Henry Kerner, of California, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Hannibal Ware, of the Virgin Islands, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

John Edward Dupuy, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Jon J. Rychalski, of Montana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

48 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—217)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6411.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.